

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

As a citizen who wants to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming, and am angry that outright lies and misleading statements (by Republicans and Democrats alike) are allowed within political advertisements.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming in addition to implementing a system for oversight of content within political advertisements. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day. Additionally, political advertisements should be fact checked prior to broadcast.

As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens have access to information that is accurate and provides diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us.

Sincerely,

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